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1. EMBOFF MET AUGUST 27 WITH RUCINSKI, STREBSKI, AND DZIEKONSKI OF MFTME FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON PREPARATION AND AGENDY FOR FOURTH SESSION. RUCINSKI GAVE EMBOFF POLISH DRAFT OF JOINT STATEMENT ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. SUMMARY TRANSLATION WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL. COPY OF POLISH DRAFT WAS HAND-CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY WERNER OF POLISH EMBASSY ON AUGUST 24.

2. POLISH ADVANCE TEAM PLANS TO LEAVE WARSAW FOR WASHINGTON SEPT 1 AND TO BEGIN TALKS SEPTEMBER 3.

TEAM INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING TEN MEMBERS:

MIROSLAW RUCINSKI, DIRECTOR, TRADE POLICY DEPT. III, MFTME

JERZY RUTKOWSKI, DIRECTOR, COMMODITIES DEPT. MFTME
ZBIGNIEW ZAWADA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPT. OF ORGANIZA-
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TION AND MANAGEMENT, MFTME

EUSEBIUSZ CHYLA, CHIEF OF SECTION, DEPT OF ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT, MFTME
KAZIMIERZ DERBIN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FOREIGN COOPERATION GROUP, PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

JANUSZ CHYLINSKI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN TRADE AND TRANSPORTATION, MINISTRY OF FINANCE

JAN BONIUK, CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY AND TAXATION MATTERS DIVISION, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

JAN CHOWANIEC, ECONOMIC ADVISOR, DEPARTMENT III, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

3. RUCINSKI WILL LEAD THE ADVANCE TEAM, WHICH MAY BE JOINED TOWARD END OF WEEK BY VICE MINISTER STANISLAW DZUGOSZ, MFTME. MEMBERS OF ADVIANCE TEAM WILL ALSO SERVE ON POLISH DELEGATION. DLUGOSZ WILL ATTEND FOURTH SESSION IN PLACE OF KISIEL. VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE MARIAN KRZAK WILL SERVE ON DELEGATION, BUT NOT ON ADVANCE TEAM.

4. MFTME REMAINS DISTURBED BY UNWILLINGNESS OF U.S. SIDE TO DISCUSS SCIENCE, CIVAIR, AND FISHERIES ISSUES IN JOINT COMMISSION. POLISH SIDE RETAINS CONVICTION THAT ADVANCE TALKS AND COMMISSION MEETINGS SHOULD COVER ALL OUTSTANDING ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, AND FINANCIAL ISSUES. RUCINSKI STATED IT WAS NOT IMPORTANT TO THE POLISH SIDE WHETHER THSE ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED IN PLENARY SESSION OR LISTED ON THE AGENDA. THE POLES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT TIME, NOT ABOUT PROCEDURE. THE POLISH TIMETABLE FOR OCTOBER CLEARLY PRESUPPOSES AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THESE ISSUES DURING THE PERIOD OF THE ADVANCE TALKS AND COMMISSION MEETINGS. WE EXPECT THAT THE POLES WILL RAISE AT LEAST THE CIVAIR AND FISHERIES QUESTIONS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE U.S. SIDE IS PREPARED TO RESPOND.

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5. POLISH SIDE IS ALSO DISTRESSED BY APPARENT LACK OF PREPAREDNESS FOR ADVANCE TALKS, WHICH ARE SEEN BY POLES AS INTEGRAL PART OF COMMISSION, AND FEARS THAT U.S. SIDE LACKS CLEAR CONCEPTION OF HOW ADVANCE TALKS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO FOURTH SESSION AND TO OCTOBER VISIT.

6. RUCINSKI URGED THAT U.S. SIDE DESIGNATE COUNTERPARTS

FOR MEMBERS OF POLISH ADVANCE TEAM SO THAT TALKS MIGHT
BEGIN PROMPTLY ON SEPTEMBER 3. COMPETENCE OF POLISH
SIDE IS AS FOLLOWS:

COORDINATOR: RUCINSKI

JOINT STATEMENT: RUCINSKI, STREBSKI, DZIEKONSKI,
DERBIN, CHOWANIEC

BUSINESS FACILITIES AND COMMERCIAL ISSUES: STREBSKI,
DZIEKONSKI, ZAWADA, AND CHYLA, WITH CHYLINSKI AND
BONIUK ON EXCHANGE RATE QUESTIONS.

AGRICULTURAL ISSUES: RUTKOWSKI

FINANCIAL ISSUES: CHYLINSKI, BONIUK, CHOWANIEC

SCIENCE ISSUES: CHOWANIEC

CIVIL AIR, FISHERIES: CHOWANIEC

THIS DIVISION OF LABOR IS NOT INTENDED TO BE DEFINITIVE.
RUCINSKI URGED IN PARTICULAR THAT US SIDE DESIGNATE
A COUNTERPART FOR HIM AS COORDINATOR.

7. RUCINSKI TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAD LEARNED FROM POLISH
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT US SIDE PROPOSED TO
ESTABLISH WORKING GROUPS ON FINANCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL
MATTERS DURING THE JOINT TRADE COMMISSION. RUCINSKI
SAID HE HAD EXPECTED, AND STILL HOPED, THAT MUCH OF
THE WORK ORDINARILY DONE BY WORKING GROUPS WOULD BE
ACCOMPLISHED BY THE ADVANCE TEAM AS OUTLINED ABOVE.

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8. WE AGREE WITH THE POLISH VIEW THAT THE WORK OF THE
ADVANCE TEAM NEEDS TO BE DELINEATED WITH MORE PRECISION,
ALTHOUGH WE NOTED TO RUCINSKI THAT WE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY
BEEN MADE AWARE THAT THE POLISH TEAM WOULD INCLUDE MORE
THAN FOUR OR FIVE PERSONS. RUCINSKI'S SUGGESTION THAT
THE US SIDE DESIGNATE COUNTERPARTS FOR THE POLISH
ADVANCE TEAM SEEMS SENSIBLE, AT LEAST IN THE AREAS OF
BUSINESS FACILITIES, FINANCIAL ISSUES, AND AGRICULTURAL
ISSUES. PLEASE ADVISE.

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